release. The Press release has already been made public.

The second point relates to disclosing or making available these papers to the Parliament. This regrettably I can't do, because I am under an obligation with the Government of Switzerland. It is a treaty obligation that these douments are meant to be used only for the purpose intended, that political vendetta of any kind is not part of the purpose, that due process in a court of law is the only part. On an earlier occasion, when a similar demand had been made, we had referred this matter to the Federal Government of Switzerland and the advice that we received was that disclosing these documents anywhere other than in a court of law would amount to political utilisation of the thing. I am sure the hon. Members, therefore, understand that the Government will not take such a stand.

Thirdly, there was a request that the Government should come forward with a status paper on what is being done. As the hon. Members know, the Ministry of External Affairs does not deal with it. But I feel the appropriate Ministry will come forward and, no doubt, if the occasion arises, the Government will brief the Parliament on the exact standing.

Finally, in addition to this, though I believe the concerned Ministry will inform the House--it is not simply the final set of papers that we have received from Switzerland--some additional information has been obtained by the Government by receipt of papers from Luxembourg also and they too will be utilised in the due process of law.

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## THE COPYRIGHT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1999

**मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री, विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री तथा महासागर विकास मंत्री (डॉ.मुरली मनोहर जोशी)** : महोदय, मैं प्रस्ताव करता हूं कि प्रतिलिप्यधिकार अधिनियम, १९५७ का और संशोधन करने वाले विधेयक पर विचार किया जाए ।

*The question was proposed.*

MR. CHAIRMAN: The motion was moved. There is an amendment by Shri Rama Shanker Kaushik. He is not present. So, no amendment is being moved. There are no speakers. The motion moved by Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi is now open for discussion. Does any Member wants to speak? No Members want to speak. I shall now put the motion moved by Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi to vote. The question is:

"That the Bill further to amend the Copyright Act, 1957, be taken into consideration."

*The motion was adopted.*

MR. CHAIRMAN: I shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.*Clauses 2 to 7 were added to the Bill.*

*Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.*

SHRI MD. SALIM (West Bengal): Sir, are we passing it without any discussion?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let us finish it by 1 o'clock. Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI MD. SALIM: It cannot be, Sir. We have allotted time also.....*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let me finish it by one o'clock. ...*(Interruptions)*.... It was listed in yesterday's business. There were no amendments. No names have been given.

SHRI MD. SALIM: There may be some misunderstanding. Usually, by this time, the House is adjourned....*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi.

**डा. मुरली मनोहर जोशी** : महोदय, मैं प्रस्ताव करता हूं कि विधेयक को पारित किया जाए ।

*The question was put and the motion was adopted.*

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned till two o'clock.

The House then adjourned for lunch at fifty-six minutes past twelve of the clock.

(At 2.10 P.M., the Deputy Chairman made the following announcement: "Hon. Members, as the quorum is not enough, the House will nc meet at 11.00 A.M. on Monday, the 20th December, 1999)